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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7356**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1343

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 13, 2013

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Irrigation and Sprinkler Systems.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Stemler

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** ☒ **GENERAL**  
☐ **DEDICATED**  
☐ **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill provides that a commercial or residential irrigation or sprinkler system installed after July 1, 2013, must include a rain water sensor. It provides for annual inspection and testing of irrigation or sprinkler systems by units of local government. It provides that a person must have an irrigation or sprinkler system installer license to install or repair an irrigation or sprinkler system. It requires an irrigation or sprinkler system installer to complete six hours of continuing education every two years. It provides that the Indiana Plumbing Commission must approve a continuing education course to satisfy an irrigation or sprinkler system installer's continuing education requirements. The bill also allows the commission to enter into a contract providing for the Indiana Ground Water Association to administer the continuing education program.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2013.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** *Indiana Plumbing Commission:* This bill requires that the Indiana Plumbing Commission issue irrigation or sprinkler system installer licenses and approve continuing education requirements for licensed individuals. If 395 individuals apply for this license, then expenses for the commission could be about \$3,200.

The commission must also prepare one or more competency exams for applicants. If the commission must have additional meetings to meet the bill's requirements, there would be increased expenses for per diem (\$50) and travel reimbursement. The bill also provides that the commission may enter into a contract with the Indiana Ground Water Association to administer a continuing education program. These potential expenses are indeterminable.

**Explanation of State Revenues:** If 395 individuals apply for the license established in this bill, then \$39,500 would be collected in fees and distributed to the state General Fund. The bill provides an annual license fee of \$100. The estimate is based upon an internet search at the Yellow Pages website that yielded 395 sprinkler system contractor businesses in Indiana. The bill also provides that fees for the competency exam will be established by the commission.

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** This bill requires counties, municipalities and townships that do not have building inspection programs to require annual inspection and testing of each irrigation or sprinkler system within the unit.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Professional Licensing Agency; Indiana Plumbing Commission.

**Local Agencies Affected:** Counties, municipalities and townships.

**Information Sources:**

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